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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTELS WAS MADE BY DCM TO AMBASSADOR DIAZ GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY, FOREIGN MINISTRY, MAY 6. DIAZ GONZALEZ STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING IT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY SO THAT CONSULATATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD BE HELD PRIOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR THE OASGA ON MAY 7. A CARACAS NEWS STORY DATED WASHINGTON HAD STATED THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE INTRODUCED AT THAT MEETING BY THE USG AND DIAZ GONZALEZ WAS ANXIOUS TO PREPARE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. SUBSTANTIVELY, DIAZ GONZALEZ STATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR VENEZUELA TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES EVEN ON A TOKEN BASIS. IMMIGRATION TO VENEZUELA IS PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL, EVEN
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FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES, ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR.

ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH VENEZUELAN RELATIVES ARE BEING ADMITTED AT THE PRESENT TIME. HE ALSO SPECULATED OUT LOUD WHAT THE REACTION MIGHT BE FROM VENEZUELAN LEFT-WING PARTIES. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD PRESS FOR A PROMPT VENEZUELAN REPLY.

3. THE DCM ALSO APPROACHED ON A PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL BASIS, AMBASSADOR ALFREDO BALDO CASANOVA, COMMISSIONER OF THE PRESIDENCY, WHITH WHOM HE HAD SERVED IN BRAZIL. BALDO INDICATED THAT HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY FOR A POSITIVE VENEZUELAN RESPONSE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PRESENTED A PROJECT RECENTLY TO ACCEPT HIGHLY-QUALIFIED PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. DESPITE THE CULTURAL AND RACIAL INFINITIES INVOLVED, THE PROJECT WAS PEREMPTORILY REJECTED AT THE "HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVT."

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP ON SUBJECT HERE, BUT SINCE BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR DIAZ GONZALEZ WILL BE IN THE US FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 DAYS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A FURTHER FOLLOW UP BE MADE TO EITHER DIAZ GONZALEZ OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON.

5. I HAD INTENDED TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MONDAY BUT DECIDED THE TIMING MIGHT BE WRONG WHEN HE SHOWED ME WITH SOME DISTRESS A HEADLINE IN ONE OF THE LOCAL LEFTIST PAPERS ATTACKING HIM FOR ALLEGEDLY REFUSING VISAS TO TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRGVN. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT I WILL MAKE KNOWN TO THE PRESIDENT AT THE TIME I PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS OUR DEEP INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.
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